



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 4
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October 16, 2003

BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I

Illinois Route 29

Various Counties

Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180

Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02

Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. David Baldwin
15922 McCabe Drive
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Illinois 29 project from Illinois 6 near Mossville to Interstate 180 near Hennepin. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

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The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer


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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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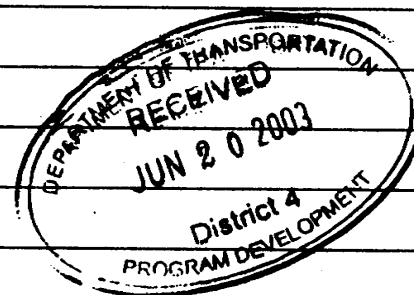
I HAVE REVIEWED THE PLANS FOR THIS PROJECT, AND I AM FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF IT. FURTHERMORE, MOST (PERHAPS ALL) OF MY FELLOW PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR OF IT, TOO. I FEEL THE NEW HIGHWAY WOULD SPUR GROWTH IN CHILLICOTHE (IN SPITE OF IT BEING PERCEIVED AS A "BY-PASS"), AND IT IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. OF OPTIONS S-4 AND S-5, I FAVOR S-4 BECAUSE IT ALLOWS RESIDENTIAL GROWTH TO GET AS CLOSE TO IT AS PRACTICABLE RATHER THAN S-5, WHICH MAY BE A LITTLE CLOSE TO WEST CLOVER SUBDIVISION.

Henry T. Smith

MEMBER - PLAN COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHILLICOTHE

MANAGER - FACILITY PLANNING - CATERPILLAR
LICENSED ARCHITECT & PROF. ENGR.



Name: _____

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310 N. Second
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Homeowner from Hopewell, near
the bluff.

(1) Agree that a high speed
route is needed.

(2) C-2 is my preference.
Reasons:
• "safer" road by virtue of
width & width lane
separation.
• less intrusive on the
river valley (environmental).

Name:

Jim Hydon

Affiliation:

Address:

70 Wignatago Ct.
Spurland, IL 62565

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Mr. Jim Higdon
70 Winnebago Court
Sparland, IL 61565

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In relation to the "Central Section" running in northernmost Peoria County. I believe the diversion west away from IL River Coast would be more beneficial for wetland/wildlife preservation path C-2 (alternative) 29 along the River could become a scenic byway complete with stopping and photograph points for attracting tourist rather than through travelers.

Name:

Sue Ellen DeManche

Affiliation:

John Rathbun
Residents of Peoria County

Address:

22311 N Crew Lane
Spartan IL 61565

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Ms. Sue Ellen DeManche
Mr. John Rathbun
22311 N. Crew Lane
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Ms. DeManche and Mr. Rathbun:

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In my wife's and my opinion, the C2 route would make the best choice. It's hard to get out of Hopewell Village in morning rush hour traffic now with two lanes of traffic. With four lanes, it would be worse. With school buses having to cross, it would be an accident waiting to happen.

Also, it looks like there would be less chance of the hill washing, than if C3 and C3A were used. There already was a lot of reconstruction done in the past 5-6 yrs. at the entrance of Hopewell to stop washouts.

Name: Robert L. Meyer

Affiliation: _____

Address: 175 Potawatami Ct.
Sparland, IL 61565

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175 Potawatami Court
Sparland, IL 61565

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June 11, 2003

Dear Sir:

Upon seeing the different
alignments around Hopewell & Devon
C2 and C3; I strongly prefer
C2 to the west because

1. The 300 ft expressway ^(C2) would
be safer than a conventional 4 lane

2. We would end up with
2 roads old 29 and the new
section

3. The new section would be
cheaper to build and easier to maintain

4. The new section would
cause less damage to the
environment of the bluffs
and river.

Thank you

Maurice A Brucker

Name: Maurice Brucker
Affiliation: Contractor in Marshall IL
Address: 6606 N. Allen Rd. Unit 42
Peoria, IL 61614

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Mr. Maury Brucker
6606 N. Allen Road, Unit 92
Peoria, IL 61614

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I think the C-2 route is the best way to go. The C-3 is OK, but does disturb a lot of houses that are along 29 now. I live on the east side of 29, 2½ miles north of Sparland. If you go express way with a divider, how do I get access to the South bound lane?

Name: Gordon Holler

Affiliation: _____

Address: 964 State Rt. 29

Sparland, IL 61565

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Sparland, IL 61565

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You also expressed concern about access to the highway if a median barrier wall is used in an alternative along existing Illinois 29. Decisions concerning access issues will be made as the study progresses. More detailed information will be available at future public meetings. Notice of these meetings will be given in local newspapers and will be included in the project's newsletters.

Mr. Gordon Holler
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I vote for alignment C-2 - the Hopewell-Sparland bypass.

Why spend even more money to relocate the railroad tracks in alignment C-3A? That would put an end to the bank service in Sparland and put the tracks on present Center St. affecting the Post office and Schrock woodworking.

The present alignment of Rt 29 is already a dangerous road since we have no turn lanes for streets or driveways. I have been rear-ended twice and a neighbor once near Thenius Rd turnoff. I live near that intersection and we hear screeching

tires about once a week from near miss accidents.

There is more room for the highway west of Sparland; it would greatly reduce the amount of through traffic on present Route 29; and it would reduce the percentages of future accidents. It would also cost less than moving railroad tracks I am sure. If the tracks are moved, please make them higher with adequate clearance under the bridge to eliminate future flooding back-up from there.

Name: Jerry Segler Sr.

Affiliation: Homeowner

Address: 775 State Rt 29
Sparland IL 61565-9805

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Mr. Jerry Segler, Sr.
775 State Route 29
Sparland, IL 61565

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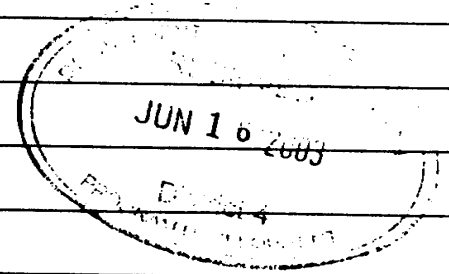
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Dear Sirs:

As a resident of Hopewell Estates for the past twenty-six years, it is my opinion that the best plan would be the C-2 Alignment. The problems with building along existing Route 29 are too many and too expensive. Over the years we have seen many of those problems arise: the roadway has been slipping down the hill so retaining walls were needed. Also, the drainage of water from rains coming down the hillsides flooding the highway. Also, the problem from springs coming from the hillsides causing soil problems and shortening the lifespan of the roadway.

With naming just a few of my concerns the C-2 Alignment is our best choice both financially and environmentally.



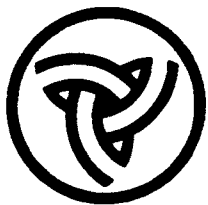
Name: Jim King

Affiliation: _____

Address: 76 Blackhawk Ct., Sparland, IL 61565

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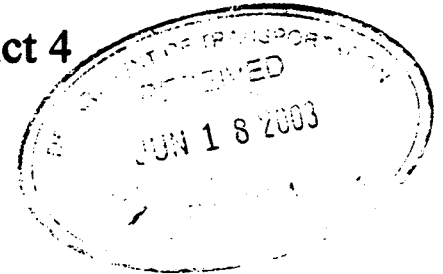
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June 17, 2003

Mr. Eric Therkildsen, P.E.
Program Development Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation, District 4
401 Main Street
Peoria, Illinois 61602



Dear Sir:

Regarding the Illinois Route 29 study, I favor Route C-3 or C-3A through the Sparland area for the following reasons:

1. It is on an already existing road.
2. It does not consume prime farm land.
3. It does not climb the bluff . Climbing it would cause increased fuel burn.
4. It would not create a need for truck-passing lanes.
5. It would greatly improve the Route 17 alignment in Sparland and would have the most potential for economic development for both Sparland and Lacon.
6. C-2 would pass through an existing Ag Lands preservation district (which is something I would oppose)
7. C-2 would have some additional environmental damage due to the necessity of penetrating the bluff in two areas.
8. I would not have to relocate my home and farm buildings.
9. Converting Western Avenue from Henry, Illinois to Illinois State Route 40 to an extension of State Route

18 would be beneficial to the area transportation of goods and services.

Thanks for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Rumbold
533 COUNTY Rd. 850E
Spartan M. 61565



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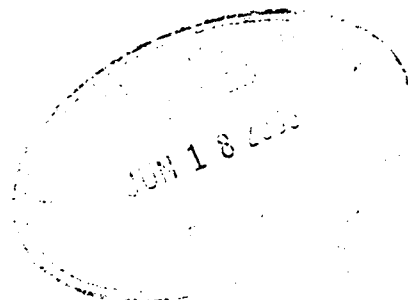
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995 Alta Vista Dr.
Craig, CO 81625
June 12, 2003

Eric Therkildsen
Program Development Engineer
Department of Transportation, District 4
401 Main St.
Peoria, IL 61602



Re: Route 29 Study

Dear Mr. Therkildsen,

I strongly urge the use of existing Route 29 instead of C-2. I believe that up-grading Route 29 to be a more logical option than the disruption of so many farms if C-2 is the choice.

I am a co-landowner in the C-2 option. The C-2 route would split our farm in half with one set of buildings on one side of the highway and the other set of buildings on the other side of the highway. We have spent much time and money developing a comprehensive conservation and drainage program on our farm. A highway would disrupt our sound environmental program on our land. That leads to another major concern about C-2.

I am concerned about the environmental impact with the construction of a totally new highway as opposed to improving the existing Route 29. I am not a "tree hugger"; however, as landowner and Vocational Agriculture Teacher I have taught and practiced environmentally sound land use for years.

Please up-grade Route 29 in place of C-2.

Sincerely,

William K. Spicer

William K. Spicer
Landowner in center of C-2





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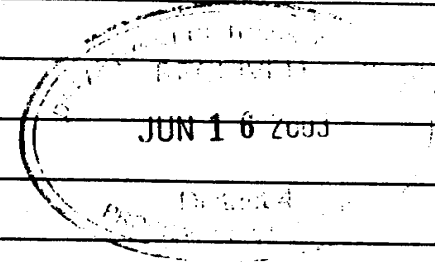
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Overall, I am very pleased to see the variety of options as presented at the open house meeting. We will be positively affected by such improvements.

Because of the number of Roads already in place, I recommend the "Expressway" approach.

At this time, I would oppose the C-2 route and prefer the ~~C-2~~ C-3 or C-3A route, even if it ~~is~~ is at a higher cost.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion.



Name: Daniel Wiest

Affiliation:

Address: 7721 N Galena Rd
Peoria, IL 61615

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Hooray for widening Rt 29

Increasing Rt 29 to four lanes from Rt 6 to I-180 is the best thing that could happen since it was rebuilt about 60 years ago. My father, Charles Saville, was a resident engineer on that project in the 40's

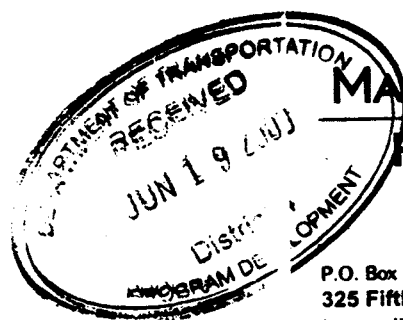
As a resident of Lacon, I would like to see the road take the original route (C-3 or C-3A) along the river. If the road goes above the bluff (C-2), the City of Lacon and Village of Sparland will be devastated. Following are some reasons that the road improvement should follow the C-3 route;

1. The economies of Lacon and Sparland will be decimated if the road bypasses them on the bluff.
2. The improvement will be useless to the people of Lacon and Sparland for commuting to Peoria because it will add at least 4 miles to the one way trip to Peoria.
3. The State will have increased maintenance cos. because the present Rt 29 will have to be maintained along with the new road if it is above the bluff (C-2)
4. If the road is on the bluff (C-2), lots of the best farmland in the country will be consumed by the road and businesses that sprout up at interchanges – in addition, the land where current businesses exist will be vacant because they have been bypassed.

Thank you for your consideration. The public meetings were very well done. I attended both and feel your staff did a very good job presenting the information and answering questions.

I would also like to be on the mailing list.

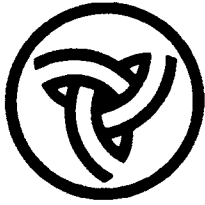
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P. O. Box 251
Lacon, IL 61540

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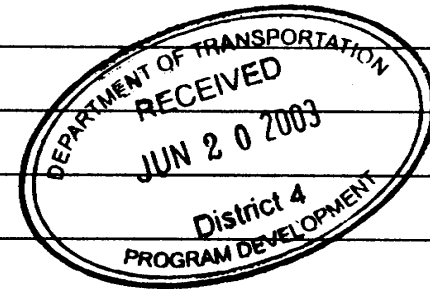
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As A Land Owner In Steuben
Township, I Strongly Support
C-3 (Existing Route 29) To Preserve
The Prime Farmland On Top Of
The Bluff. This Will Also Better
Serve The Population Centers In
Marshall County.

Western Road Should Be Made
State Route 18, West Of Henry



Name: Nancy Meister

Affiliation: Land owner

Address: 411 Illini Drive

Spartanburg, IL 61565

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Ms. Nancy Meister
411 Illini Drive
Sparland, IL 61565

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Would like to see
Rt 18 extended to Rt 40
this would make Western
Avenue a state route.
I Favor Rt H4 in the
proposal.

Name: Stephen Smith
Affiliation: City of Henry
Address: 813 North
Henry IL.

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Mr. Stephen Smith
813 North
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I support I-4 and Strongly
oppose any other -

Name:

Daniel Forbes

Affiliation:

Henry Transportation Committee

Address:

12 Sawmill Lake Rd

Henry Ill 61537

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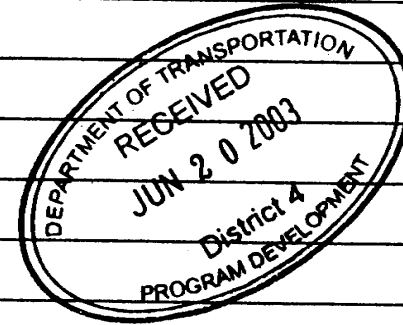
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I feel the bypass of Henry H-3 is a great option. It is still reasonably close to Rt 29 + the town of Henry itself to hopefully attract business to the community of Henry. Many residents (not all) feel the town could add more fuel stations, motels, & restaurants possibly & hopefully attracting travelers. I feel the highway placed at H-3 would be hopefully a boost to the City of Henry.



Name: Susan Fowler

Affiliation: Deputy Clerk / City of Henry

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Ms. Susan Fansler
301 Barney Street
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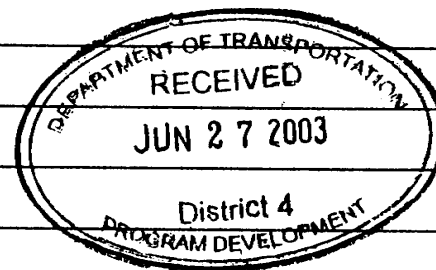
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Following 29 through Sparland and re-aligning IL 17 would be a great improvement. This would have a real positive impact on the area and would off-set any negative effect caused by using some of the land at the Marshall County Fish + Wildlife area.

On a personal note and because I live in Henry I would like to see H-4 chosen. It is closer to Henry than H-3 and preferred by most of the people living in our community.



Name:

SUSAN BAUTER

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Thank you for holding the very informative Public Forums on the IL Rt 29 Study in Henry and Chillicothe. They were very well organized and contained specific information to highlight the different alternatives.

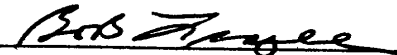
YES, I am strongly in favor of the development and construction of the RT 29 By-Pass. I feel the By-Pass should have been constructed decades ago, when Rt 6 and I-180 were constructed. If that link had been completed, areas in northern Peoria County, Marshall, Putnam, and Bureau County would already be experiencing the benefits of improved transportation. I travel the northern half of IL with my work as a Conservationist with the Univ. of Illinois. From my personal observations and experiences, it is evident, that areas which have 4-lane highways are viable, progressive, and economically growing counties. Counties which are locked into the old 2-lane highways have missed the economic and community development growth of the past 20-30 years.

In closing, I feel there are very minor pros and cons associated with each of the road alternatives for the corridors. In the end, it is most critical that this 4-LANE HIGHWAY get CONSTRUCTED to complete this link.

Also, I would like to be on record of supporting the RT 18 extension from Rt 29 in Henry to IL RT 40 on the western edge of Marshall County. This RT 18 Extension is essential if the 4-Lane Highway is constructed to facilitate linkages with the Henry Community and west to Camp Grove. This would also be critical to enhance economic and community development along the new 4-Lane Highway throughout Marshall County.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for input.

Name: Bob Frazee



Affiliation: University of Illinois Extension

Address: 1105 Malibu Drive, Henry, IL 61537

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Henry, IL 61537

Dear Mr. Frazee:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for a bypass alignment west of Henry for the proposed improvement. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

Also in your comments, you noted a desire to see Illinois 18 extended to Illinois 40. Please note that the extension of Illinois 18 to Illinois 40 is not a part of this study and is not currently under consideration by the Department.

The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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Enclosure(s)

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CH2M Hill (Attn: Mr. Jim Jodie)

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The Illinois Route 29 Study 

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I am a concerned citizen of Henry. I work in Peoria and I travel 29 5 or 6 days every week. I understand the need for the improvements of 29, but I am also concerned for the economic welfare of our town. An Interstate can make or break a town. Most people who stop in Henry are ones who stop simply by impulse. If the traffic were to be taken too far west of town, where it would be at least a mile to get to the closest place (store, gas station, etc.) people would not get off the interstate. We have even had people relocate to Henry, because they happened to like the way the town looked as they were passing by on 29 and then later checked into the school system and housing.

Name: Angela h. Earles

Affiliation:

Address: 815 Western Avenue
Henry, IL 61537

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Ms. Angela Earles
815 Western Ave.
Henry, IL 61537

Dear Ms. Earles:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your concern if traffic were taken too far west of town. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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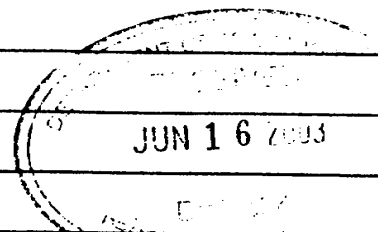


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My first choice would be to see the highway stay on the existing highway 29 as it goes through Henry. Otherwise, H-4, being just a 1/2 mile from Henry city limits would work, provided we have access on to and off of the highway at Western Ave. H-3 is too far from Henry and could have a negative economic impact on Henry.

Either H-4 or staying on Route 29 would have a positive impact on Henry, and I encourage you to strongly consider those choices as you move forward. Our town needs to be visible from the highway and have good access to it.

I also strongly encourage extending route 18 to wherever the highway comes through. Presently that is at Western Ave., which is a County highway.



Name: Tim Kunkel

Affiliation: Vice President, Sales Manager

Address: Citizens First National Bank

703 Third St. Henry, IL 61537

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Mr. Tim Kunkel
Citizens First National Bank
703 Third Street
Henry, IL 61537

Dear Mr. Kunkel:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for an improvement that would follow existing Illinois 29 or, as a second choice, follow Alignment H-4 west of Henry. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

The Department appreciates your interest in this highway project. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Lewis of this office at (309) 671-3474.

Very truly yours,

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COMMENT FORM

ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

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North Segment

Recommend Alignment N-2 North of Henry be followed.

Relocation of the existing RR tracks eastward is not recommended in that it would require much fill for a new roadbed & is felt to be very costly to build a new roadbed thru the swamp while widening 29 to the west as necessary would provide ~~most~~ needed fill for widening 29 further south. Having a reduced median, similar to the Autobahn in Germany, would reduce amount of additional land needed as well as greatly reducing the cost of preparing additional roadbed.

Do not recommend bypassing Putnam by crossing the railroad tracks twice and building a new (and longer) 29 east of the existing 29. Do not feel that much disruption would occur by widening 29 thru Putnam.

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Name: LLOYD H. N. LARSON
Affiliation: LAND OWNER WEST OF 29
Address: ROUTE #1 BOX 17
PUTNAM, IL, 61560

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Mr. Lloyd A. N. Larson
R. R. #1, Box 17
Putnam, IL 61560

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for Alignment N-2 to be followed through Putnam without relocation of the existing railroad tracks. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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June 11, 2003

As a former mayor of Henry and a current resident/taxpayer, I provide this written support for the Route 29 expansion project. I respectfully ask that the proposed highway project align as closely with Route 29 as possible, providing excellent access for our local businesses and industries. In addition, it is my hope that the least possible area farmland would be disturbed, and that the agricultural community would be consulted as to the best possible route.

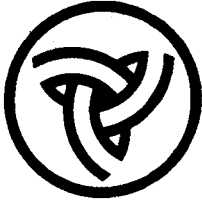
With the proposed improvements to this highway system, area communities would have wonderful opportunities for economic growth in the years to come. Even the future announcement of this project could provide the stimulus for long range planning that could lead to many years of positive development in the area.

Therefore, I express my sincere appreciation of your efforts and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay K. McCracken".

Jay K. McCracken



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Mr. Jay K. McCracken
1217 Third Street
Henry, IL 61537

Dear Mr. McCracken:

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THIS whole RT. 29 IGA
IS stupid & a WASTE.
Leave us ALONE -

ANY VERSION OF ALTERING
RT 29 WILL RESULT IN
RUINING OUR COUNTY
LIVING TRANQUILITY & THE
ENVIREMENT.

I chose to live here
to avoid URBAN &
INDUSTRIAL SPRAWL.
NOW YOU ARE TRYING TO
BRING IT TO MY VERY
door.

THIS IS ALL AN EXPLOITA-
TION WITH A GREED
AGENDA.

we have outsiders

THAT do NOT live here
TRYING TO SCREW UP
OUR PEACEFULL VALLEY.

NOT TO MENTION THE TAX
dollars TO do THIS MESS.

Some MAY WANT GROWTH -
BUT I LIKE THIS AREA
THE WAY IT IS.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE COMMERCE
& SPRAWL - GO TO JOLIT,
CHICAGO, PEORIA, ETC.

PLEASE - LEAVE US IN PEACE.

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

James P. Finner
Owner of Criminal Jim Racing
P.O. Box 16 # Fennell Auto Club
LACON, IL. 61540

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I am Totally AGAINST ALTERING
OF RT. 29. Here is WHY JUN 18 2003

1. IT will DESTROY OUR PEACEFUL
 ENVIREMENT & CREATE URBAN SPRAWL
 2. THE TAX DOLLARS will be A WASTE
 3. Once UNDERWAY - THE CONSTRUCTION
 & DESTRUCTION will CREATE YEARS
 OF HAVOC FOR THOSE OF US THAT
 USE THAT ROAD DAILY.

4. Some people, especially you
 OUTSIDERS, do NOT seem to get THE
 DRIFT THAT MOST OF US CHOOSE TO
 LIVE HERE IN PEACEFUL COUNTRY
 HARMONY & ARE HAPPY JUST
 WAY IT IS & DO NOT WANT
 DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL DESTROY
 THAT HARMONY & ENVIREMENT IN
 OUR VALLEY.

FOR THOSE THAT CRAVE PROGRESS,
 CONCRETE, SPRAWL and ALL
 THAT GOES WITH IT - I SUGGEST

THEY MOVE TO A BIG CITY AREA
 LIKE PEORIA, JOLIET, INDY, CHICAGO
 OR NEW YORK CITY and THEY will
 GET ALL THEY WANT. I KNOW -
 I HAVE LIVED & WORKED IN THOSE
 PLACES and MANY MORE LIKE
 THEM. THAT IS WHY IN 1967,
 I SETTLED HERE IN THE PEACEFUL
 LA CON AREA. TO ESCAPE THE
 "CONCRETE JUNGLE"

5. WHY IS IT YOU OUTSIDER
 COME HERE TO BRING URBAN & INDUST.
 SPRAWL TO MY DOOR & WANT TO DESTROY
 ALL THIS WONDERFUL ENVIREMENT?
 GO AWAY!! LEAVE US IN PEACE!!

Name: James T. Fenner
 Affiliation: ANIMAL JIM RACING - Fenner Auto Body
 Address: 128 N. MAIN - RT. 17 Box 16
LA CON, IL. 61540

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Mr. James Feurer
P.O. Box 16
Lacon, IL 61540

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